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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION - NYTIMES EDITORIAL ON  
IMF-PORTUGUESE NEGOTIATIONS

1. PORTUGUESE MEDIA WIDELY REPORTED AND COMMENTED UPON  
NYTIMES MARCH 25 EDITORIAL CRITICIZING IMF AUSTERITY  
CONDITIONS PURPORTEDLY INCLUDED IN CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS  
WITH GOP. SAMPLE HEADLINE: MARCH 25 PRO-SOCIALIST  
"A LUTA"--"PORTUGUESE DEMOCRACY COULD BE DESTROYED BY  
IMF MEASURES, WARNS THE NEW YORK TIMES." LEADING CIR-  
CULATION, PRO-GOP "DIARIO DE NOTICIAS" MARCH 27 FRONT-  
PAGE REPORT QUOTED PRIME MINISTER SOARES AS SAYING:  
"IT IS ESSENTIAL TO KNOW WHAT THE IMF'S DEMANDS ARE,  
AND THIS HAS NOT YET BEEN NEGOTIATED--... THIS PROCESS  
HAS NOT BEEN COMPLETED."

2. ONLY COMMENTARY SO FAR APPEARED IN MARCH 27  
COMMUNIST "O DIARIO" WHICH CITED NYTIMES TEXT AT  
LENGTH AND CONCLUDED:"...THE IMF'S STRATEGY FOR  
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CAPITALISTIC RECUPERATION (IN PORTUGAL) WHICH HAS  
BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE PS-CDS GOVERNMENT IS CONSIDERED  
DANGEROUSLY IRRESPONSIBLE EVEN IN THE STRONGHOLD OF  
IMPERIALISM..."

3. EARLIER, THE CENTER-RIGHT WEEKLY "O PAIS"  
ON MARCH 23 PUBLISHED A FRONT-PAGE CARTOON SHOWING A

HOLY WEEK PROCESSION OF PENITENTS. THE TTHREE HOODED FIGURES  
LEADING THE PROCESSION WERE LABELED "IMF" AND OTHERS IN THE  
PROCESSION CARRIED PLACARDS LABELED "AUSTERITY, POSTAL  
INCREASE, HIGHER PRICES, MORE TAXES, TRANSPORT COST  
INCREASES, IMPORT CUTS, TELEPHONE COST INCREASES..."  
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